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MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY

FINAL EXAMINATION

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PGP0022 – INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE (All Sections / Groups)

11 MARCH 2020
2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **TWO (2)** printed pages excluding the cover page.
2. Answer **ONE** question from Section A and **ALL** questions from Section B.
3. All answers should be written in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: ESSAY [25 MARKS]

Instruction: Answer **ONE** question only.

QUESTION 1A

“The most positive feature of a parliamentary system of government is that it produces strong and effective government. If the parliamentary executive has a stable majority in the Lower House, legislative cooperation between government and parliament is assured. However the great flaw of this system is that the executive tends to ‘capture’ the legislative process.”

[Prof Dr. Shad Saleem Faruqi, *Document of Destiny*, Star Publications (Malaysia) Berhad, 2008]

Discuss the characteristics of the above system of government and support your answer with relevant authorities and example(s).

(25 marks)

QUESTION 1B

“The holding of elections has become universal but only about half of all elections are free and fair. We define ‘freeness’ of the election as the rules of the election and the process leading up to the election, and ‘fairness’ of the election refers to the events on the election day.”

[Sylvia Bishop & Anke Hoeffler, *Free and Fair Elections: A New Database*, Journal of Peace Research, 2016, Vol.53 (4), 608-616]

In view of the above statement, explain the characteristics of a free and fair election. Support your answer with relevant authorities and example(s).

(25 marks)

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SECTION B: ESSAY [75 MARKS]

Instruction: Answer ALL questions.

QUESTION 2

“Leadership style is viewed as a combination of different characteristics, traits and behaviors that are used by leaders for interacting with their subordinates.”

[Ebrahim Hasan Al Khajeh, “*Impact of Leadership Styles on Organizational Performance*”, Journal of Human Resources Management Research, Vol. 2018 (2018), 1-10]

In view of the above statement, explain on the various leadership styles with reference to relevant authorities and example(s).

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3

“It is this goal of attaining political power that distinguishes political parties from other groups in the political system, although the distinction is rather blurred at times, especially in regard to pressure groups.”

[Allan R. Ball, *Modern Politics and Government*, Palgrave London, 1988]

Describe the characteristics and functions of a political party. Support your answer with relevant example(s).

(25 marks)

QUESTION 4

Legislatures are official government agencies, multi-membered, directly elected by the citizens, the members are formally equal, arrive at decisions by deliberating on alternatives and register decisions by counting the votes of their members.

Explain briefly the various functions of the Malaysian Legislature. Support your answer with relevant example(s).

(25 marks)

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